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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3183

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FOR ASSISTANT SEC KUBISCH FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: MINFIN GELBARD TELLS US CORRESPONDENTS MEMORANDUM  
INCIDENT "CLOSED"

1. MINFIN GELBARD HOSTED EIGHT RESIDENT US CORRESPONDENTS AT  
AUG 7 LUNCHEON ORGANIZED BY LA OPINION PUBLISHER JACOBO TIMMERMAN.  
ALTHOUGH NOT CALLED AS A PRESS AVAILABILITY, GELBARD OBVIOUSLY  
SOUGHT FORUM FOR ADDRESSING US INTERESTS AND WILLINGLY ACCEPTED  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT EMBARGOING IN ANY WAY HIS REPLIES. FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION DERIVED FROM VOLUNTARY CALLS TO EMBOFFS BY THREE  
OF CORRESPONDENTS PRESENT.

2. REPLYING TO THREE SEPARATE QUERIES, GELBARD DENIED THAT HIS  
MINISTRY HAD LEAKED EMBASSY MEMORANDA TO CRONICA AND INSISTED  
THAT, FROM VIEWPOINT THAT SAME MINISTRQ, ISSUE WAS NOW CLOSED.  
HE ALSO ATTEMPTED DISTINGUISH ACT OF PASSING MEMORANDA FROM  
CONTENT OF MESSAGES, ADMITTING THAT PROCEDURE ITSELF IS COMMON  
PRACTICE ALL GOVERNMENTS BUT IN THIS CASE IT WAS WORDING  
THAT WAS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE.

3. IN OTHER STATEMENTS HE ATTEMPTED ALLAY FEARS OF EXPROPRIA-  
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TIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE PETROCHEMICAL AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS,

AND INSISTED ARGENTINA WOULD WELCOME FOREIGN INVESTMENT FROM ALL SOURCES. WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT US MONEY, HE CLAIMED THE GOA ALREADY HAS FEELERS FROM US INVESTORS BUT REFUSED COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE OR MAGNITUDE OF THE FEELERS.

4. COMMENT: SINCE LUNCHEON HAD BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN ALL PROBABILITY IT WAS NOT ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO THE EMBASSY BUT THAT ALMOST CERTAINLY BECAME ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PURPOSES OF YESTERDAY.S SESSION. AND, WHILE DECLINING PROVIDE DETAILS TO SUPPORT HIS "CLOSED ISSUE" STATEMENT, GELBARD'S TONE WAS EMPHATIC TO EXTENT THAT CORRESPONDENTS PRESENT FELT IT UNNECESSARY TO PRESS THE POINT.

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